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DISASTER AT SEA.MIDNIGHT COLLISION OFF THE
JOHORE COAST

MORE THAN THIRTY LIVES LOST.

The *Straits Times* of March 16th says: Local waters have been singularly free from disasters of a serious nature for a considerable time, but on Wednesday night last the record was unfortunately broken by a most distressing occurrence off the East Coast of the Peninsula, near the Sibiu Channel, slightly south from the Endau border in Johore. The *Rance*, belonging to the Straits Steamship Company, came into collision about midnight with the *Boribot*, owned by the Siam Steam Navigation Company, and the former vessel was so badly hit that she went down in a few moments and thirty-one of those on board lost their lives, including Mr. Sinclair, one of the engineers, who left the B.I. Tunda six months ago to join the Straits Steamship Co., and was to have come ashore after this trip to qualify for promotion to a higher grade. The *Rance* has been running to Merising and Kudatan, and was returning to Singapore at the time of the disaster. The *Boribot* was out-bound bound for East Coast ports as far as Trengganu. The *Rance* was expected to reach Singapore yesterday morning and as she did not appear at the accustomed hour some anxiety was felt, increasing as the day wore on and no information came to hand. Then the *Boribot* limped into port in the afternoon badly damaged about the stern, and brought the tragic news.

By far the most disastrous affair of this character in recent times was the collision between the *La Seyne* and the *Onda* in Rho Straits, some thirty miles from Singapore, on the night of November 14th, 1909, when nearly 100 persons on board the *La Seyne* were drowned, including 14 Europeans. There was also the case of the *Mary Austin* about five years ago which went down in a few moments after collision off Penang involving the loss of the same number of lives as appear to have been sacrificed in the *Rance* disaster. Since then the local seafaring record had been free of accidents involving serious loss of life up to Wednesday night.

A representative of the *Straits Times* was able, through the courtesy of Mr. A. Resner, a travelling representative of the Michelin Tyre Company, to get the following story of the disaster:—

"I was asleep in my cabin," he said, "when about midnight a great noise awakened me, but I did not realise at the time what had happened. I looked through my porthole on to the deck, and for a minute or so noticed nothing unusual. All I saw was a wealthy Malay promoung the deck, but on looking again I saw Malay and Chinese women crowding together, and crying and noticeable confusion developing. I asked in

Malay what happened, but received no reply.

"I then went back to my cabin and took down my lifebelt, in case of necessity, and met Mr. Freeman, to whom I passed on a lifebelt to be given to a Malay woman. I collected all the valuable papers I carried, and proceeded on deck. There I met the second engineer, and was talking to him, when the water rushed like a cataract over the deck, the ship, which had begun to roll badly for a few minutes previously, sank stem first, and we were precipitated into the water, some clinging to the higher portions of the vessel before she totally disappeared from sight.

"An almost indescribable scene followed, and what with the shrieks around us, and the suction caused by the sinking of the vessel, it was a sorry time that followed. I felt myself being drawn in, and for some time I seemed to have lost count of everything. I then realised my position and endeavoured to reach some Malays, who were crowded on a raft. There was a Malay near me and getting hold of him I got along with his aid safely to the raft. I really owe my life to this Malay. We managed to paddle the raft by means of a stick picked up out of the water, and the Malay gave me a whistle which I used to good effect by drawing the attention of the crew of a boat sent out by the *Boribot*. In this boat we eventually reached that vessel after a little over a couple of hours immersion. Shortly after getting on board, some one gave me a pair of trousers. I discovered that it was then a little past 2 a.m.

"The *Boribot*, when I reached her, was lying a good distance away, but with the break of dawn she came up to the spot where the disaster had taken place, and left about 8 o'clock on Thursday morning for Singapore. Beyond some wreckage there was nothing to indicate the seriousness of the midnight happening."

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LEAGUE MATCHES.

BIG SCORES BY THE H.K.C.C.
AND C.S.C.C.

Saturday's league matches are noteworthy for the high scoring by two of the first league sides. In the match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Indians the Hongkong Cricket Club knocked up a fine total of 309 for the loss of 8 wickets, which included a century by Owen Hughes. In the other case the Civil Service first XI scored 319 all out against Craignower, R. C. Wickett, E. C. Fincher and A. E. Wood being responsible for the major part of the score.

INDIAN RECREATION CLUB v. H.K.C.C.

This match was played on the Club ground, both sides turning out strong teams. The Indians went in first and they were soon in difficulties, seven wickets having fallen for 29 runs. D. Rumjahn and O. Ismail made a stand at the eighth and they carried the score to 81. The side was out shortly afterwards for 94. Owen Hughes, one of the Club's most promising all round players of the younger generation, had a field day for in addition to taking seven of the Indians' wickets for 36 runs he did gloriously with the bat, hitting up 108 runs at which figure he retired. His century included fourteen boundaries. L. J. Davies, the Club's wicket-keeper, also gave a pleasing exhibition with the willow and scored 72 not out, which included a "sixer" and 12 fours.

Scores:—

INDIAN RECREATION CLUB.	
A. H. Rumjahn, c. McNeill, b. Hughes	8
S. D. Ismail, l.b.w. Farthing	8
S. H. Ismail, b. Owen Hughes	0
N. B. Kitchell, c. Farthing, b. Owen Hughes	2
A. H. Madar, l.b.w. Farthing	2
H. D. Rumjahn, c. McNeill, b. Farthing	0
J. S. Curreen, b. Owen Hughes	0
D. Rumjahn, c. McNeill, b. Owen Hughes	31
O. Ismail, b. Owen Hughes	33
A. C. Arculli, not out	7
F. M. el Arculli, b. Owen Hughes	0
Extras	3
Total	94

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. G. Lammert	3	0	12	0
F. H. Farthing	9	2	23	3
H. Owen Hughes	11	2	36	7
L. D. McNeill	3	1	15	0
R. E. A. Webster	1	0	7	0

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. H. Piercy, b. A. el Arculli	0			
E. J. E. Mitchell, c. F. M. el Arculli, b. H. D. Rumjahn	37			
F. H. Farthing, b. H. D. Rumjahn	12			
H. Owen Hughes, retired	108			
R. E. A. Webster, l.b.w. Curreen	12			
L. D. McNeill, c. H. D. Rumjahn, b. A. el Arculli	14			
A. L. Gace, c. D. Rumjahn, b. A. el Arculli	2			
T. E. Pearce, c. Madar, b. S. H. Ismail	25			
L. J. Davies, not out	72			
E. G. Lammert, l.b.w. S. H. Ismail	7			
Extras	20			
Total (for 8 wickets)				309.

B. D. C. Morgan did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. H. Madar	18	1	52	0
F. M. el Arculli	8	0	46	0
A. el Arculli	11	1	59	3
H. D. Rumjahn	10	0	63	2
J. S. Curreen	7	0	36	1
S. H. Ismail	7	0	33	2

CRAIGNOWER v. C.S.C.C.

This match, played at Happy Valley saw Craignower hopelessly outclassed with the bat, ball and in the field.

Going in first Craignower opened brightly but with the fall of the third wicket for 45, they experienced a change of fortune and the next four wickets went down for the addition of 24 runs. The side was out for 83. Their opponents' success was mainly due to the deadly bowling of Lambie, who secured six wickets for 39 runs.

The Civil Service side defied the Craignower bowlers and some hard hitting was witnessed and, though Major had the distinction of taking all their wickets except one, it did not stop them from knocking up a very fine total of 319. Of this total Wickett scored 88, Fincher, 89 and A. E. Wood 77. Fincher's contribution included 18 fours and 2 sixes.

Scores:—

CRAIGNOWER.	
M. H. Abbas, b. Ling	31
R. Bass, c. Mitchell, b. Lambie	4
P. E. Lawrence, c. Fincher, b. Lambie	5
B. W. Bradbury, not out	13
N. M. Omar, b. Lambie	4
T. Grimes, c. Sayer, b. Lambie	13
Grierson, b. Baker	0
E. W. Major, b. Lambie	4
Y. Abbas, run out	0
D. Mackintosh, b. Baker	17
J. A. Dixon, b. Lambie	0
Extras	6
Total	83

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. J. Ling	6	1	29	1
P. T. Lambie	10	0	39	0
F. Baker	4	0	8	2

CIVIL SERVICE.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. R. Sayer, l.b.w. Major	11			
R. C. Wickett, b. Major	58			
E. Dunkley, b. Major	0			
E. C. Fincher, l.b.w. Major	88			
A. R. Sutherland, b. Major	25			
A. E. Wood, b. Major	77			
W. H. Edmunds, b. Major	7			
A. Grimmer, c. Omar, b. Major	1			
F. Baker, b. Major	14			
F. J. Ling, b. Y. Abbas	4			
P. T. Lambie, not out	0			
Extras	33			
Total				319

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
N. M. Omar	6	1	29	0
E. W. Major	24	5	109	0
M. H. Abbas	9	0	69	0
J. R. Dixon	7	0	43	0
Y. Abbas	4	0	29	1
Grierson	3	0	25	0

SECOND LEAGUE MATCHES.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. POLICE.

This league match resulted in a very decisive win for the Civil Service 2nd XI by two wickets and 121 runs. The Police were all out for 84 and after the fall of their second wicket for 40 they simply could not do anything. The fourth wicket went down for no addition of score. Eight runs were added when the seventh fell and the tenth went down with the score standing at 84. R. Taylor scored eight wickets for sixteen runs and in one over, with five balls took three wickets. The Civil Service replied with 175 for eight wickets, Sandford, Cullip and Taachi being the principal scorers.

Scores:—

POLICE.	
C. F. Alexander, c. Watson, b. Taylor	18
R. Earnshaw, l.b.w. Taylor	1
N. J. Watts, b. Fincher	19
A. Reynolds, b. Taylor	0
Askew, not out	0
C. Earnshaw, b. Fincher	1
Elwood, b. Taylor	7
B. Thorpe, b. Taylor	0
H. G. Holland, b. Taylor	0
Whist, c. Sara, b. Taylor	0
Mair, b. Taylor	2
Extras	12
Total	84

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Taylor	6	0	19	8
E. F. Fincher	6	1	29	2

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. Cowan, retired	21			
H. Sandford, c. Alexander, b. C.	42			
Hooper, b. Elwood	19			
Cullip, b. C. Earnshaw	33			
Watson, c. Holland, b. Elwood	1			
C. Taachi, b. R. Earnshaw	36			
E. F. Fincher, run out	0			
C. Sara, c. R. Earnshaw, b. C.	9			
Earnshaw	0			
Alderman, b. C. Earnshaw	0			
Extras	8			
Total (for 8 wickets)				175

R. Taylor and Oswald did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
N. J. Watts	9	1	35	0
C. Earnshaw	13	0	46	4
C. F. Alexander	8	0	29	0
R. Earnshaw	6	0	37	1
Elwood	4	0	26	2

UNIVERSITY v. K.C.C.

The Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven suffered a decisive reverse on Saturday at the hands of the University. Batting first the University scored 112 runs and the K.C.C. replied with 62. Benson and E. F. Spinks were the only two to reach double figures for the home side.

Scores:—

UNIVERSITY.	
Lam Hon Yin, b. W. J. Shenton	10
J. L. Young Sage, b. E. F. Spinks	5
Choo Pek Eng, b. J. C. Fletcher	18
C. A. Peterson, hit wicket, b. N. L. H. Ralston	20
Yeow Luck On, b. E. F. Spinks	6
Ng Bow Poo, b. W. L. Weaver	10
C. W. Lam, b. W. L. Weaver	1
T. L. Cheah, b. W. L. Weaver	9
H. Hunt, l.b.w. N. L. H. Ralston	1
V. F. Vicjee, not out	18
A. T. Barma, b. W. L. Weaver	0
Extras	8
Total	112

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. F. Spinks	10	2	29	2
W. J. Shenton	4	0	23	1
J. C. Fletcher	6	0	23	1
W. L. Weaver	7	2	37	4
N. L. H. Ralston	6	4	9	2

K.C.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. H. Benson, c. Choo, b. Yeow Luck On	25			
B. Petheram, b. Peterson	4			
L. R. Duncan, b. Yeow Luck On	0			
N. L. H. Ralston, b. Yeow Luck On	3			
E. J. Edwards, b. Peterson	3			
W. L. Weaver, b. Peterson	0			
J. C. Fletcher, b. Yeow Luck On	0			
Z. F. Spinks, not out	11			
D. Lyon, b. Peterson	8			
J. M. Jack, run-out	4			
W. J. Shenton, c. and b. Peterson	2			
Extras	2			
Total				62

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. A. Peterson	8.4	1	42	5
Yeow Luck On	8	1	18	4

FRIENDLY MATCH.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. I.R.O. 2nd XI.

The Indians second string defeated the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI by 17 runs on Saturday after a very close game. The Indians scored 88 and the H.K.C.C. replied by 69.

Scores:—

I.R.O. 2nd XI.	
I. Hassan, b. Perria	9
O. Rumjahn, b. Young	2
A. M. Samy, c. Hollands, b. Crawford	12
A. Kitchell, c. Miller, b. Perria	7
R. Nazarin, b. Perria	9
J. Acker, c. Hollands, b. Young	1
A. K. Rahmud, run out	1
E. Moosdeen, c. Young, b. Way	39
H. K. Minir, b. Philipson	2
A. G. Abbas, b. Philipson	1
H. A. Rayack, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	86

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
P. N. Young	10	1	27	2
J. D. Crawford	4	0	10	1
N. J. Perria	9	0	22	3
E. Philipson	3	0	16	2
J. R. Way	2	0	4	1

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. C. Miller, b. Kitchell	0			
J. D. Crawford, c. Abbas, b. Kitchell	15			
R. Jacks, b. Kitchell	14			
F. N. Young, b. Hassan	5			
N. J. Pearson, c. and b. Kitchell	7			
H. E. Hollands, c. Rahmud, b. Hassan	9			
H. Spicer, l.b.w. Hassan	0			
M. M. Watson, run out	2			
E. Philipson, c. Abbas, b. Hassan	10			
J. R. Way, b. Kitchell	0			
J. Wilson, not out	0			
Total				69

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Kitchell	9	0	36	5
I. Hassan	9	2	33	4

GOLF.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

A golf match between players representing the Oxford and Cambridge Universities was played at Farningham on Saturday resulting in a win for Cambridge by 2.

The scores were:—

OXFORD.	CAMBRIDGE.
J. E. Warner	1
C. E. H. Beavis	0
A. G. M. Fletcher	0
E. R. Hallifax	1
H. J. Gompertz	0
Sir R. E. Stubbs	1
Extras	0
Total	4

The scoring was one for a win and 1 for a bye.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Division I.

Hongkong Club	3
King's Regt.	4
H.M.S. Ambrose	1
H.M.S. Titania	0

Division II.

St. Joseph's	0
H.M.S. Titania	2

A very large crowd witnessed the game between the Club and South China. The score for the Club was opened by W. Stewart, a new arrival in the Colony, after twenty minutes' play. The other two goals for the Club were scored in the second-half of the game by Forsyth, the third being the result of the neat combination between Beag and Forsyth. Lee Wee Tong scored the only goal for South China.

In the match between the King's and the H.K.A. the latter started with only ten men. At the interval the King's led by a goal to nil, but in the second-half the King's added three more goals and won by 4 to nil. Lord Newton, Robinson and Phillips were responsible for the goals.

By beating the Titania, by a goal to nil the Ambrose became the runners-up in the League.

EXPORTS FROM VLADIVOSTOK.

H.M. Consul at Vladivostok has forwarded a memorandum concerning a conference of exporters, shippers, and bankers with representatives of the Usuri and Chinese Eastern Railways and the local Russian authorities regarding export traffic from North Manchuria through Vladivostok, held in Vladivostok in November 21st and 22nd last. At this conference definite assurances were given that railway tariffs would not be altered without the consent of all the railways interested; that ice-breaking would be carried out with the resources and at the order of the Usuri Railway, and without additional dues; that dues for loading cargo would probably not be increased; and that if an increase was made it would be charged to the railways and not to exporters; that the Chinese and Usuri Railways jointly undertake responsibility for the safety and regular delivery of cargo; and that cargo would not be requisitioned by the local authorities.

[Note—Since the above was written there have been rumours that the Red authorities propose to take over Egershield, the port of Vladivostok, which may radically alter export conditions.]

POSITION OF MILITARY PARTIES IN KWANTUNG.

[BY A CORRESPONDENT IN THE INTERIOR.]

How to define the position of rival parties in the Kwangtung Province at present is beyond the writer. Local Chinese papers do not add much in the way of elucidation. They are all strictly censored. Editors must be very careful to avoid giving offence to the party in power or supposed to be in the seat of authority. Sometime ago I tried to define the prospects of Sun Yat Sen in the near future. I admit I have a mixed feeling of admiration for him and wish him success in his now venture. I regretted at the time and I still more regret it now, that

HONGKONG HIDE AND LEATHER CO., LTD.

HEAVY LOSSES AND A CRITICAL POSITION.

THE REMEDY.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., was held at Stephen's Building on Saturday to consider the report and suggestions of an investigating committee which was appointed in November last to look into the affairs of the company. The reason for the committee's appointment was that the company, in its first year of working, had sustained a loss of about \$94,000.

Mr. W. M. Humphreys took the chair, at the commencement and there were also present: Father Robert, Messrs. A. G. Coppin, D. H. Blake, W. A. Dowley, Leung Yan Po (Directors), Messrs. F. S. Cooke, A. Stevenson, W. W. MacFarlane, J. Dunbar, J. MacLachlan, E. Pepperell, H. Humphreys, J. H. Sch. R. F. Raven, A. D. Humphreys, A. G. S. Morton, V. Sorby, and W. Armstrong.

The Committee of Investigation, which consisted of Mr. A. G. Coppin, Chairman, Hon. Mr. C. Montague Edg. Rev. Father Robert, Mr. Leung Yan Po, and Mr. Phang Ho, mentioned in their report that the Company had lost in its first year of working about \$94,000.

In their report the Committee say:—Amongst the questions the members of the Investigating Committee had to put to themselves was the following:—

(1) Is it possible to profitably conduct a tannery business in Hongkong?

(2) Are tanneries being successfully worked in other places under conditions which apply to Hongkong in respect of climate, labour and other difficulties?

(3) As investigations show it is possible to profitably work tannery business here; and that in contiguous places such industries are being conducted with considerable profit, how is it the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., working at such a large loss, and what steps can be taken to remedy the Company's position?

In the course of their investigations the Committee had much assistance from a firm of tanners in Canton, which is working at a good profit, and which, at the Investigating Committee's request drew up a questionnaire dealing with the whole matter. Some of the salient points brought out, (based on replies made by the Company's present Management to the questionnaire) compel the Investigating Committee to form the following conclusions and offer the resulting recommendations:—

THE COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS.
Administration, tannery and trading expenses have been between \$50,000 and \$51,000 per annum. These can be cut down to \$25,000 without loss of production or efficiency.

Reply to No. 20 in the questionnaire shows the factory to be capable of producing \$922,167.34 in upper and sole leather per annum of 32 weeks, whereas the trading account shows output valued at \$133,271.21 in 40 weeks working of the first year of your Company. Even on 40 weeks working the output should have been over \$709,000 instead of \$133,271.

The investigating Committee is of the opinion that the seat of the trouble lies in the fact that working has been intermittent and at no period in full swing, and that administration expenses have not been warranted by output. The Committee considers the remedy lies in economy in administration and better factory and sales management.

The Committee is of opinion that on an assumed output of 3,500 pieces of upper leather per fortnight (a modest computation) the factory can make a net profit per annum of \$70,000; also that 3,000 Hides may be converted into sole leather per month at a cost which should show an additional profit of over \$80,000 per annum. These quantities are taken from replies to the questionnaire.

The Canton Firm of Tanners, having visited and thoroughly inspected your tannery expressed surprise that with such good equipment a loss has been made.

As the Investigating Committee's suggestion, the Canton firm of tanners express willingness to undertake the management of your Company, contingent upon sufficient working capital being raised and provided, they can be stakeholders in the concern, to the extent of 10,000 shares which they will take up. They require managing fees of \$1,000 per month to cover cost of staff, office rent and lighting, while sales amount to \$500,000 per annum. This is to be increased proportionately so that, for example, it would double the present allowance if the sales reach \$1,000,000. As it will be apparent that the management and tanning staff will be encouraged to work harder, they know a bonus on net profits will

be paid to them, the Directors suggest that the amount of such be left to the discretion of the Directors, it being understood that any bonus is only to be paid out of net annual profits and not to exceed 15 per cent. They would not be content to take on the management for \$1,000 per month only, but stipulate that they must be allowed to purchase 10,000 shares also, with an option to purchase within 12 months, about 5,000,000 shares in addition, their appointment as managers to be permanent, so long as they hold 10,000 shares and manage the business profitably and faithfully, they to be allowed to nominate one member to the Board of Directors. The Investigating Committee recommend acceptance of this offer, but at this juncture wish to put the following points before you:—

The Company is indebted to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to the extent of about \$180,000 secured by mortgage on your property, viz.: land, buildings and stock. This indebtedness the Bank will insist upon being reduced to \$100,000.

From the net profit of \$70,000 on upper leather would fall to be deducted 7 per cent. interest per annum, say \$7,000, and bonus of 15 per cent. on balance of net profit to managers and tanners \$10,350, a total of \$17,350, leaving available \$52,650 to pay off indebtedness to the Bank and provide a dividend if deemed immediately advisable.

It will be noticed that the Investigating Committee take figures of profits on upper leather only. There is still the profit of say \$30,000 on sole leather to be considered, but the Investigating Committee is content to momentarily omit this in order to present a very conservative estimate of your Company's possibilities. It will be seen that \$52,650 per annum available for paying off indebtedness and/or dividends, can be earned on one side of your business only.

There then remains the matter of raising Additional working capital, in which connection careful attention should be given to the following remarks, viz:—

The Company's present share position is:—
Shares paid for in full at \$10 each \$49,202
Shares subscribed for on which \$5 only has been paid 141
Shares unsold 51,637
Total \$100,000

The Investigating Committee suggest that the 51,637 unsold shares be offered as follows:—To offer to existing shareholders three shares for every four shares at present held at \$4 per share.

[Example: Every holder of 100 shares for which he has paid \$10 each (equals \$1,000 in all) shall be entitled to buy 75 shares at \$4 each, (equal \$300 in all). Thus he would have 175 shares costing in all \$1,300 an average of say \$7.65 per share.]

On this basis additional capital would be raised as follows:—
49,202 at \$3 for each 4 held = 36,150 at \$4 = \$144,600
To the new man-agers 10,000 at \$4 = 40,000
\$184,600

The new managers (option one year) 4,646
Plus possibly 141 on which \$5 only has been paid 141
4,787 at \$4 per share

to rank *pari passu* as regards dividends, etc., with those paid for at \$10—particulars respecting making both issues of same value to form the subject of further discussion with shareholders.

If some of the present shareholders (after a prescribed period) do not signify their intention of taking up their additional shares as indicated above, such shares shall be offered elsewhere, so that sufficient working capital may be raised for the continuance of the business as a going concern, and to pay off part of the Company's indebtedness to the Bank.

The alternative appears to your Investigating Committee to be to wind up the Company, in which event it is estimated the amount available for distribution, after liquidation of all outstanding liabilities, will not exceed \$2 per share for which you have paid \$10. Shareholders therefore have to decide whether they will take up 3 more shares at \$4 each for every 4 shares for which they have paid \$10 each, or let the Company go into liquidation, with a possibility of ultimately getting say \$2 for every \$10 so far invested.

The Investigating Committee's recommendation to shareholders is that each shareholder should take up his additional allotment, as, under the suggested alternative management, your Company's success would appear to be assured.

In the meantime Mr. W. H. Humphreys, Managing Director, has placed his resignation as Manager of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Company, Ltd., in the hands of the Investigating Committee.

In conclusion the Report mentions that several prominent and influential gentlemen are satisfied as to the good possibilities of the Company, and have expressed willingness to back their opinion by taking up much more than their proportion of the \$4 shares.

Mr. W. M. Humphreys turned the Chairmanship of the meeting over to Mr. A. G. Coppin, Chairman of the Investigating Committee.

Mr. Coppin said he wished to give them a few more particulars as to the non-success of the business, and to extenuate Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Mr. W. M. Humphreys. He would remind them that last year had been a bad one for business not only in this Colony, but all over the world. They had suffered from a prolonged strike, and in addition they had considerable trouble with the tannery staff, which had culminated in the dismissal of one lot of tanners in March, and the dismissal of their successors in the following August. Their work had been very bad, and much of it worthless, whilst a good deal of raw material had been wasted. That morning, he continued, Mr. William Humphreys had pointed out to him the difference between input and output. It was plain that they could not place a hide into pickle and bring it out the next day as a finished product. It had to "stew in its own juice" so to speak, and in the case of upper leather it had to stop for about twenty-five days. Sole leather had to be left for three months. Thus, at the end of twenty-five days they were producing the full output in upper leather, and in three months they would be producing the full output of sole leather.

With regard to the possibilities of a tannery business in this Colony, he would mention that at the present time Messrs. Yue Yue Hong were erecting a tannery alongside their own premises, so that they, at least, had great faith in the industry. Many industries had suffered less on their inception, and it was only after they had gained experience from mistakes made at the beginning that they had at last attained success.

Father Robert, also a member of the Committee, told the meeting that had the Investigating Committee thought the maintenance of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Company, Limited, could not give remunerative results, they would not have hesitated in recommending the shareholders to wind the company up. The unsuccessful working of the past year was not at all a practical demonstration of the impossibility of running a leather factory with good results. They had, of course, to admit their non-success so far, but they had given their opinions as to its causes, and hoped they had shown the trade basis on which the enterprise could pay in the future. At least they had bought a useful experience, though at a very dear price, and they had been taught what to avoid. Many faults had their remedy, and the Committee believed that if the shareholders would agree to the changes proposed, they would retain an industry which would thrive in the Colony. The industry was a paying one in Hankow, Shanghai, and in Indo-China. He knew of one firm in the latter place that had paid as much as a 200 per cent. dividend during the War. He was glad to say that the new Managers, who were willing to take over the management of the Company's affairs, were as optimistic regarding the welfare of the Company as the Committee.

Mr. Coppin then asked if there were any questions.
Mr. DUNBAR: When will the Chinese pay for these 10,000 shares which they are going to take up?
Mr. COPPIN: Their first proposition was that they should be allowed to take them up within the year. We think that is rather too long, and we hope the time will be reduced to three months.
Mr. H. HUMPHREYS: What value do you put on our property supposing you sold it by auction as it stands?
Mr. COPPIN: There are about 110,000 square feet, the value of which is estimated at \$2.70 per square foot, with the building. Whether it would realise that as a going concern is difficult to say, but if anyone wanted to buy it as a going concern, probably they would be willing to pay that sum. The total value of the land and buildings works out at \$297,000, reckoning it at \$2.70 per square foot. If the Banks foreclosed on that, they might get \$2 per share, or perhaps \$1.75.
Mr. COOKE: The only assets of the Company consist of the land and buildings?
Mr. COPPIN: There is the machinery, which stands in the accounts at \$127,000, but it is extremely unlikely that it would realise that figure unless it were being sold for similar purposes. The stock is valued at \$20,000, but whether that amount would be realised if it were sold is again doubtful.

Mr. SERR: Is it proposed to cancel the unsold \$10 shares and issue new shares at \$4 each?
Mr. COPPIN replied that although the scheme had not been formulated, as to the method of recovering new capital the old shares would be sub-divided.
Mr. HUMPHREYS asked for a fuller reply to the question.

Mr. BLAKE (solicitor) replied. He said that under the articles of association power was given to sub-divide the shares, and this was also provided for by the Company's articles. Therefore some scheme would be adopted whereby new shares of \$4 each would be issued, leaving the present shares alone. The new shares would presumably have new rights so as to bring them in for dividends. However, that scheme had not yet been worked out.

Mr. HUMPHREYS asked whether the \$4 shares were to take the place of the unsold shares at \$10 each.

Mr. BLAKE replied that the \$10 shares would be cancelled and the \$4 shares would take their place.

Mr. SERR: I take it that the directors will see they get suitable guarantees from the new Managers before they hand over the Company to them?

The CHAIRMAN: Most certainly that will be done.

Mr. RAYNES: How do you propose to reduce the expenses from \$50,000 to \$25,000 per annum?

Mr. COPPIN: Under the present management the expenses of the General Manager are \$1,000 per month. The administration and general expenses in the accounts were \$35,933.84, and trading expenses were \$15,019.98. It is suggested that the new Managers take \$1,000, and they are agreeable to this, to cover everything. The general and trading expenses are included in the working costs and other administration expenses.

Mr. PARNELL: Father Robert was good enough to give us information about a similar firm in Indo-China during the War. Does he know how the firm is progressing now, and whether it is under European or Chinese management?

Father ROBERT: The Company was formed twelve years ago and it has always been under French management. It is still doing very well, and is in a flourishing condition. It is one of the most prosperous firms in Indo-China to-day. They get all their skins from Yunnan and Indo-China, and although this sort of thing is not much in my line of business, I understand there are equal opportunities in the Colony of Hongkong.

Mr. COPPIN then proposed the following resolution:—

"That the Directors of the Investigating Committee be authorised to negotiate with the Canton firm of tanners and prepare a scheme for the provision of new capital for the Company."

Mr. COPPIN mentioned that any shareholder could propose an amendment if he wished, and could propose the winding-up of the Company altogether.

Mr. COOKE: Will the management of the Company be entirely in Canton, or in Hongkong?

Mr. COPPIN replied that the management would be in Hongkong, and there would be a preponderant majority of Europeans on the Board of Directors. Mr. DUNBAR then seconded the resolution which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the Investigating Committee was passed on the motion of Mr. SERR.

HONGKONG AND NEW TERRITORIES EVANGELISATION SOCIETY.

The annual report on the work of this Society for the year 1922 is prefaced by the following introductory note:—

This Society which is controlled jointly by the Union Church and the T. S. Church, was started in the year 1904 to work in the New Territories.

The New Territories is the country which lies between the base of the Kowloon Peninsula and a line drawn from Mira Bay to Deep Bay. It comprises an area of 276 square miles, of which 90 square miles is on the adjacent islands and 286 on the mainland. There are a number of market towns and about six hundred villages, the population being estimated at about 100,000.

Under an agreement with China in 1899, this area was leased to Great Britain for 99 years. The responsibility for the moral and religious welfare of these people devolves upon the Christian community of Hongkong.

As the result of the Society's work there are now more or less organised churches at Tsun Wan, Castle Peak, Yau Long, Tai Po, Lam Tsun, Cheung Chow, Tai O and Sha-lo-wan, where regular services are held, and there is a baptised membership of approximately 500. Work is also being carried on less regularly at San Tin, Sha Tin, Sheung Shui and Lo Wu.

Schools under the Society's control or in buildings occupied by it are established at Tsun Wan, Tai Po, Lam Tsun, Cheung Chow, Tai O, Sha-lo-wan and Yau Long. These are attended by approximately 250 scholars. Thus the coming generation is being looked after with a view to future potentialities.

The lines of work are:—

(1) Pioneer Evangelistic work; (2) The establishment and maintenance of churches until they become self-supporting; (3) Assisting to establish schools where religious instruction is given and scholars are taught to sing Christian hymns, and learn some Christian truth which they carry to their homes; (4) The sale or distribution of Bibles, Testaments and portions at nominal prices; (5) Lending religious and other books to schoolmasters and other influential men; (6) Holding "Bible" lectures from time to time in the centres. These are always largely attended.

The staff approved at present consists of one Superintendent Missionary, one Chinese Superintending Evangelist, four Preachers, four Biblewomen, one travelling evangelist.

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NOTICE

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C. THORNE
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 24th March, 1923. [608]

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

THE ANNUAL SPORTS will be held at 1.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 29th MARCH, at HAPPY VALLEY. Prizes will be distributed by LADY STUBBS at 5.30 p.m. There will be an Old Boys' Race of 250 yards. All old boys are cordially invited to join. [611]

QUEEN'S COLLEGE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

will be held at CAUSEWAY-BAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 27th.

At the above SPORTS there will be a Race for Old Boys, 250 yards. Post Entries. The Event is timed for 4.45 p.m.

E. J. EDWARDS,
Secretary. [604]

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG

MATRICULATION AND SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS, JUNE, 1923.

THE above Examinations will be held in the Week, commencing MONDAY, JUNE 11th, 1923.

Entry Forms together with the Statutory Fee of \$15 H.K. Currency, should reach me not later than April 1st.

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N. TRESDALE MACKINTOSH,
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March 26th, 1923. [603]

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF MACAO.
TELEPHONE SERVICE.

THE Government of Macao will receive Proposals for the exclusive operation of a PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE in the City and connection with Hongkong and Macao. The proposals should be delivered to the DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, ANTONIO MARIA DE MEIRELES VASCONCELOS, Director of Finance, Macao, 10th March, 1923. [608]

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF MACAO.
HOTEL CASINO.

THE Government of Macao will receive Proposals for the exclusive erection and operation of a HOTEL CASINO with a minimum of 200 rooms to be built on Government land, and to be open for business before 1926.

The Proposals should state the minimum expenses to the Macao Government and should be delivered to the DIRECTOR OF FINANCE on or before the 29th April next.

ANTONIO MARIA DE MEIRELES VASCONCELOS, Director of Finance, Macao, 10th March, 1923. [608]

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG, on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1923, at Noon, for consideration of THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

THE SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th March, 1923 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager. [534]

HONGKONG CLUB

NOTICE

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB, will be held in the Club House on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1923, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
A. H. ABBAS,
Secretary. [593]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.

NOTICE

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, PROSSER STREET, on TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1923. [514]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Agents, PROSSER STREET, on TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March, 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1923. [608]

NOTICE

BRITISH LEGION
(HONGKONG & CHINA BRANCH).

THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Club House, HONGKONG, on TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1923, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1922, and of electing Officers and other Members of the Committee for the ensuing year, and of appointing Honorary Auditors, and of dealing with any other business.

By order of the General Committee,
H. K. HOLMES,
Hon. Secretary. [581]

HONGKONG MALE VOICE-CHOIR

CONCERT

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TICKETS—\$1.00 each (Soldiers and Sailors 50 cents). (Proceeds are being given to the HONGKONG & NEW TERRITORIES EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY).

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The Subscription List is now open and will be Closed on or before the 31st day of MARCH, 1923.

Copies of the Prospectus and Forms of Application can be obtained from the Company's Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, and from the Temporary Offices of the Company in POWELL'S BUILDING (Second Floor), Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the Public to subscribe for Shares and Application will only be received on the footing of the full Prospectus and in the Form issued therewith.

Dated the 24th day of March, 1923.

T. A. BARRY,
Powell's Building,
Hongkong,
Secretary pro. tem. [590]

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BRITAIN'S EASTERN NAVAL BASE.

The recent reference made by Mr. AMERY, First Lord of the Admiralty, to the proposal to create a naval base at Singapore "capable of dealing with the requirements of a fleet of modern battle-ships," must have left many people wondering what is to be the future of Hongkong as a naval station. Yet while we are contemplating the removal of the military establishments from the centre of the town, the Naval establishments which occupy the line of waterfront extending from the Cricket Ground to Arsenal Street are regarded, apparently, as fixtures for all time. When the Admiralty decided to make the Naval Dock in Hongkong, some fifteen years ago, there was a public petition from the Colony against its being planted in the heart of the city, but the Admiralty would not listen to the idea of its being built anywhere else. Strategically Singapore is clearly indicated as the place for our Naval base. Mr. AMERY, the cable told us, emphasised the advantages of the situation of Singapore on the route to the Far East and on the flank of our strategic and commercial lines of communication with Australia. He spoke of it as being "almost what the Panama Canal is to America"—her gateway to the Pacific. The decision to make Singapore Great Britain's chief naval base, is, we believe, the outcome of a report made by Admiral Lord JELlicoe, though even before Lord JELlicoe went on his tour of investigation, the Admiralty had recognised the strategic importance of Singapore. Almost as soon as war was declared, in 1914, the China Squadron made its headquarters there, though it is not every naval officer who will endorse the claim made by one of our Singapore

contemporaries that it was from the harbour of Singapore that all the naval movements in the East and the Pacific were directed. Can we forget the claim made in *The Times* by Rear-Admiral ANASTASOFF (who was Commander in Hongkong in the early part of the War), that the world war might be said to have been won at Hongkong, because of the Naval movements in the East and Pacific directed from this depot which led to the destruction of the German Squadron operating in these waters? However that may be, it is now the definitely acknowledged purpose of the Admiralty to make Singapore the chief naval base in this part of the world, and to equip it with docks, workshops and stores costing a total of about £11,000,000. It is proposed to spread the work over a number of years, so that there is no immediate probability of the reduction of the naval establishment in Hongkong, and it is very unlikely, we imagine, that it ever will be very substantially reduced. Though the superior strategical advantages of Singapore are admitted, its climate is against the retention of the Squadron there for any length of time. Hongkong, therefore, is likely to remain the winter station of the Fleet, as it is now, and there will always be need of the local naval dock and workshops. We see little of the Fleet in the summer time because consideration for the health of the men cooped up on the ships makes it necessary that they should go North, and similar considerations will dictate that the Fleet shall spend the winter months in Hongkong rather than in Singapore where there is no winter season.

It was mentioned by Mr. AMERY that any extension of the British base at Hongkong, but the Treaty would appear to have been made with full knowledge of the British Government's intentions with regard to Singapore—the "Middle East Port." One very startling statement made Mr. AMERY in introducing the Naval Estimates was that there is at present no dock in British territory anywhere in the East capable of taking a battleship. Yet there are reference books that tell us that Singapore possesses "the largest dock East of Suez." This graving dock is 894 feet long, and 100 feet wide with a depth on sill of 39 feet. This statement by Mr. AMERY calls to mind one made by Mr. GEORGE DRAKE in *The Times* about a year ago to the effect that the Government had not enough oil to send the Battle Fleet to Singapore or Hongkong, and that in case of attack "Hongkong and Singapore must fall at once." That statement was traversed by a writer who pointed out that there exists within a few hundred miles of Singapore an oilfield of great potential value—in Sarawak—which for all practical purposes may be said to be in British hands, on which the British Admiralty could rely for ample provision at a moment's notice. Thanks to the patriotic foresight of the late Rajah of Sarawak—himself an ex-officer of the Royal Navy—certain arrangements had been made to secure an adequate supply of oil being always at the disposal of the Navy in Singapore. But notwithstanding this contradiction we had in his speech on the Naval Estimates that the obstacles to the mobility of the Fleet were lack of supplies of oil and docking and repairing facilities abroad, and that "Great Britain is at present unable to send a battleship to the Far East or maintain her there." It was in order to remedy this state of affairs, Mr. AMERY said, that Great Britain is gradually building up oil reserves at various strategic centres along ocean routes and "is making a very small beginning with the necessary preparations for the scheme at Singapore." When it is recalled that contracts were let to a Darlington firm about a year ago for the construction of ten steel oil fuel tanks at Singapore, each capable of holding 12,000 tons of oil, we can recognise that the Admiralty's ideas of the needs of the Navy in Singapore in the matter of oil fuel are very large, if these ten tanks represent but "a very small beginning."

Lady Stubbs is to distribute the prizes at St. Stephen's College annual sports on Thursday.

The German Association at Shanghai last week decided to form a German Chamber of Commerce and officers were elected.

As the result of a collision between a heavily laden junk and a sampan on Friday a small girl on the sampan overbalanced and was drowned.

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SEQUEL TO THE PURCHASE OF THE SS. "NILE."

NEWLY PROMOTED COMPANY SUSPENDS BUSINESS.

The shipping Company, known as the Mei Lee Steamship Company, recently formed by a number of Chinese, for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of the China Mail Steamship Company's old liner, the s.s. *Nile*, has suspended business. The three principal Chinese partners of the firm are missing and the manager of the Company, Mr. Van den Berg, and the office staff are contemplating legal action for the recovery of wages due to them. When the police called at the residence of the managing director they found that the premises had been vacated and that the furniture had been removed. The debts of the firm are said to amount to \$50,000.

Since the purchase of the *Nile* by the Mei Lee Steamship Company, the ship has been reconditioned at Tai Koo Dock and she has been lying in harbour awaiting delivery to the purchasers on payment of the balance due to the vendors.

An interesting story is current to the effect that directly it was known that the Mei Lee Company could not raise the purchase money, another body of Chinese came forward and offered to purchase her, the idea being to use her as a floating hotel at Canton. Negotiations were on the point of being closed when it was discovered that even at her highest she drew too much water to cross the river bar.

ARMS SEIZURE.

PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION ON BOARD THE "PRESIDENT MCKINLEY."

On the arrival of the s.s. *President McKinley* yesterday the police detained a well-dressed Chinese passenger on suspicion that he was engaged in the smuggling of arms. At the Water Police Station a large rough wooden trunk belonging to him, was opened. At first sight it appeared to contain only a quantity of wearing apparel of a very good quality. The police were convinced, by the unduly heavy weight of the chest, when empty of the wearing apparel, that it still contained something they had not discovered. They eventually decided to smash up the trunk and, concealed in false sides and a false bottom, they collected 990 rounds of ammunition and two Lugard pistols.

The man had taken considerable trouble to conceal the ammunition, a separate hole being bored purposely to hold each round of ammunition. The detained man is to be brought before the Court this morning.

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CHILD LABOUR IN CHINA. APPALLING CONDITIONS.

[BY A CORRESPONDENT OF THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN."]

Encouraging action has recently been taken by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai in the endeavour to improve industrial conditions. With a view to the promotion of higher standards in industry and the welfare of the labourers, the Chamber has approved the following regulations: (1) No employment of children under 12 years of age; (2) one day's rest in seven; (3) the safeguarding of the health of the workers by limiting working hours, improvement of sanitary conditions, installation of safety devices for machinery. The Chamber urges all firms and factories to do their utmost to carry out these regulations as soon as possible.

How necessary such improvements are is evident from the following extracts from a letter received from a prominent American missionary investigator who has been studying conditions:-

"There are at least fifty cotton mills around Shanghai and more are going up. Thousands of children down to the age of eight or nine are employed. Little girls, eight or nine years of age, were standing between double rows of whirling, unguarded machinery, steadily but wearily feeding the machines. One nine, perhaps eight years of age, was curled in an exhausted heap on the cement floor sound asleep. Over in a corner, under a pile of waste, a tiny baby was spending the night, while his mother worked at a machine near by. In one small hospital there were one day this winter three children under ten years old. The arm of one had been caught in an un-fenced machine and was all but torn off. The leg of another was smashed from hip to ankle by the teeth of a machine. The third, a little girl, had been caught by the hair in her machine and her scalp torn off. Not one of these accidents would have happened had the machines been fitted with safety devices. Most of the accidents happen in the night shifts, between two and four in the morning. Such are the terrible conditions in Chinese industry."

At Chefoo, where 17,000 women are engaged in the hair-net industry, the wage is six cents for a ten-hour day. In the forty pongee silk factories in the same city 26,000 men and boys work a 13-hour day for the same amount. Yet in Chefoo conditions are better than in many other areas, for there are a number of Chinese Christian employers who close their factories on Sundays, while the rest are open for a seven-day week. As a result of the recent visit of Dr. Sherwood Eddy, the Chefoo Chamber of Commerce has taken similar steps to those recommended at Shanghai, the standard being that supported by the new National Christian Council of China as a minimum. This has not prevented, however, three recent wage strikes, which were severely crushed by the police.

The worst evils of the match-making industry are rife in Tientsin, where even in the best factories boys were found working 15 hours a day for a seven-day week, their pay running from six to ten cents. The investigator reports:-

"Eighty of these little workers must go to the hospital each day to be treated. The fumes from the cheap phosphorus and sulphur often affect their eyes and lungs. Much of this would be avoided by using better chemicals, but the profits of the owners would not be so large. We found 15,000 boys in the weaving factories working eighteen hours a day, from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., the majority receiving no pay whatever but their food. In the rug factories the boys work sixteen hours a day, from 5.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. During the three years of apprenticeship they receive only their food and lodging. Many skilled workers are paid only four dollars a month."

The report ends:-

"What is growing in the midst of this awful poverty. The workers in the south and central regions and along the rail-ways are learning effectively to strike for better working conditions. Many employers are trying to keep them contented with their miserable lot. But God forbid that they should accept it."

QUAKERS' APPEAL.

"JOYLESS VICTORS AND DESPAIRING VANQUISHED."

"Where shall we seek for the source and where find the remedy for the ill of the time?" ask the Society of Friends in an appeal which they issued over the signature of Edward S. Reynolds, clerk of the "Meeting for Sufferings," their Executive Committee.

"A God of Force, a punishing, vengeance-taking God," the document goes on, "has been so much worshipped that Europe to-day presents a far more fertile field for war than even in 1914. There are joyless victors, haunted by debt, poverty and unemployment; there are despairing vanquished, nursing the desire for revenge that will only perpetuate strife. The new frontiers are often the causes of inflammation and resentment."

"Let everyone urge the immediate calling together of the nations in conference, so that the grave questions at issue may be settled, not in the atmosphere of national rivalry, but in that of the unity of mankind as children of one Father."

According to reports received by secret agents, Russian Crown Jewels, valued at \$800,000, were placed in the coffin of James Jones, a sailor in the United States navy, which was being shipped from Vladivostok to New York. An order has been issued to exhume the body to test the truth of the rumour.



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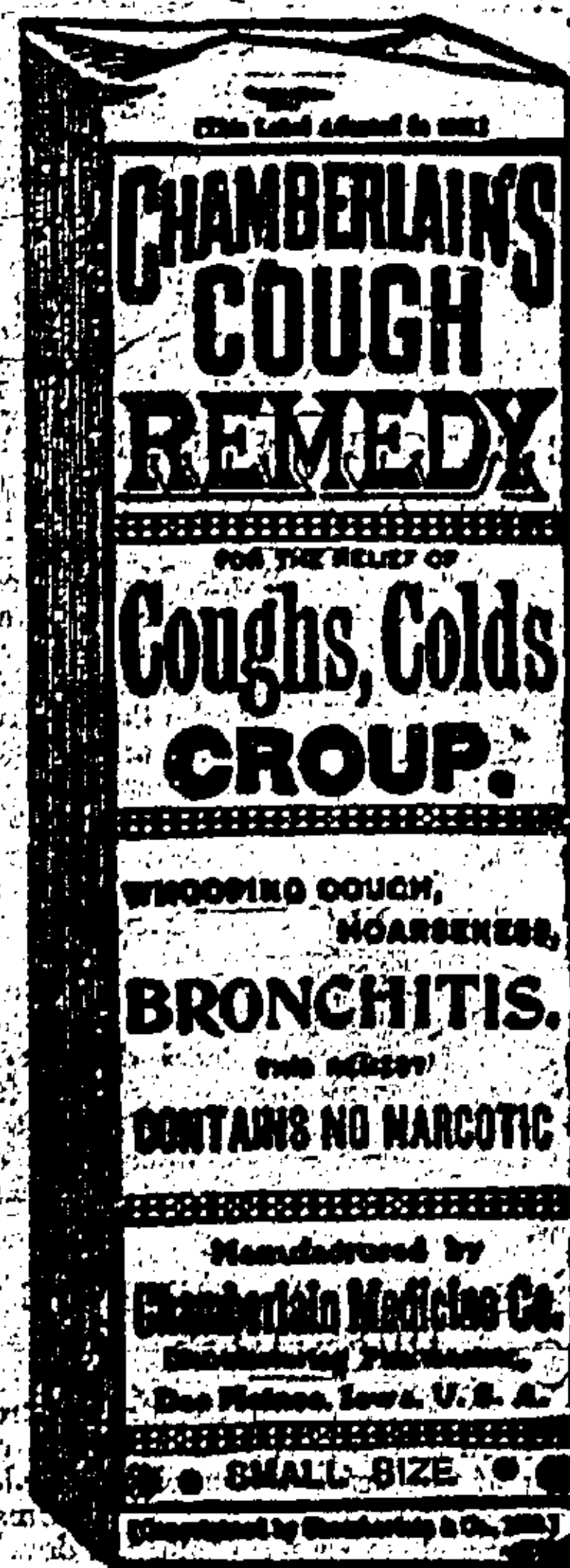
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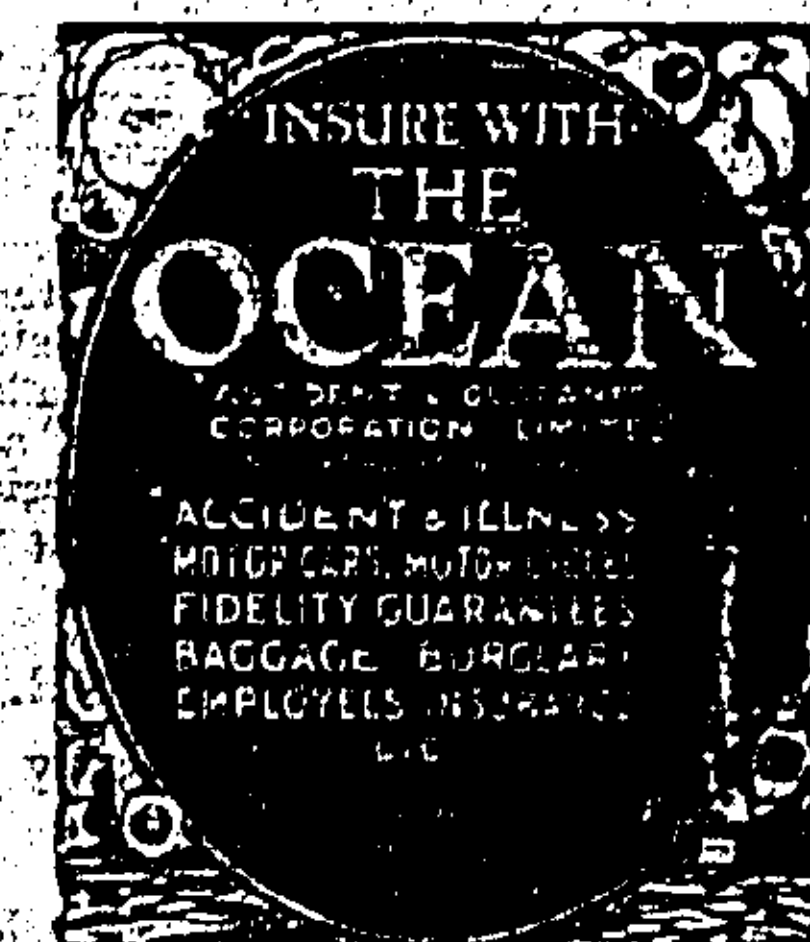
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

March 23rd.

Chung Hing, Chinese str., 248 tons, Capt. Leung San Kong, from K. O. Wan with a general cargo.—Hong On & Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. D. Skinner, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

Ludendorff, German str., 4,614 tons, Capt. Benedicks, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.

Mau Sang, British str., 2,003 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Canning, from Saigon, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

Philoteles, British str., 7,187 tons, Capt. Propert, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Pongtong, British str., 1,001 tons, Capt. J. G. Smith, from Saigon, with rice.—Carmichael and Clarke.

March 24th.

City of Lincoln, British str., 3,784 tons, Capt. Lloyd, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—Bank Line.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. W. J. Collins, R.N.R., from Swatow, with a general cargo.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kaemala, British str., 9,098 tons, Capt. G. E. Butler, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Kwongshah, Chinese str., from Canton.

Kueichow, British str., from Canton.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,500 tons, Capt. T. Yamakawa, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

Myosin Maru, Japanese str., 1,796 tons, Capt. H. Yagi, from Mike, with coal.—M.B.K.

Peeler, Chinese str., 314 tons, Capt. Chan Kam, from Kwangchow, with a general cargo.—Tung Wai S.S. Co.

Reims, French str., 317 tons, Capt. A. Mesanteau, from Hoikow, with a general cargo.—Tai Wo & Co.

Shantung, British str., from Canton.

Sosho Maru, Japanese str., 1,652 tons, Capt. Y. Onura, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

Yingchow, British str., from Canton.

March 25th.

Amherst, Chinese str., 241 tons, Capt. Kwok Shau, from Hoikow, with a general cargo.—On Fat & Co.

Haihong, British str., 1,920 tons, Capt. W. O. Passmore, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—D.L. & Co.

Hsinpingan, Chinese str., from Canton.

Lake Fork, American str., 1,800 tons, Capt. W. Bahr, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

President McKinley, American str., 8,400 tons, Capt. Alvin O. Lastic, from Seattle and Shanghai, with a general cargo.—Admiral Oriental Line.

Ryusei Maru, Japanese str., 1,510 tons, Capt. G. Kawasaki, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—Kwong Nguan Seng.

Sheaf Lance, British str., 1,566 tons, Capt. M. Robinson, from Kwangchow, with coal.—Dodwell & Co.

Taisima, Chinese str., 403 tons, Capt. Chan Chow, from Kwangchow, with a general cargo.—Sung Tai Hong.

Tokoh Maru, Japanese str., 2,931 tons, Capt. Sugimoto, from Fremantle and Brisbane, with a general cargo.—Y.K.K.

March 26th.

Lee Sang, for Hoikow.

Pesat, for Newchwang.

Yei Maru, for Hongkong.

Yuan Heng, for Saigon.

March 27th.

Anakusa Maru, for Swatow.

Arakan, for Batavia.

Chung Hing, for Canton.

City of Lincoln, for Manila.

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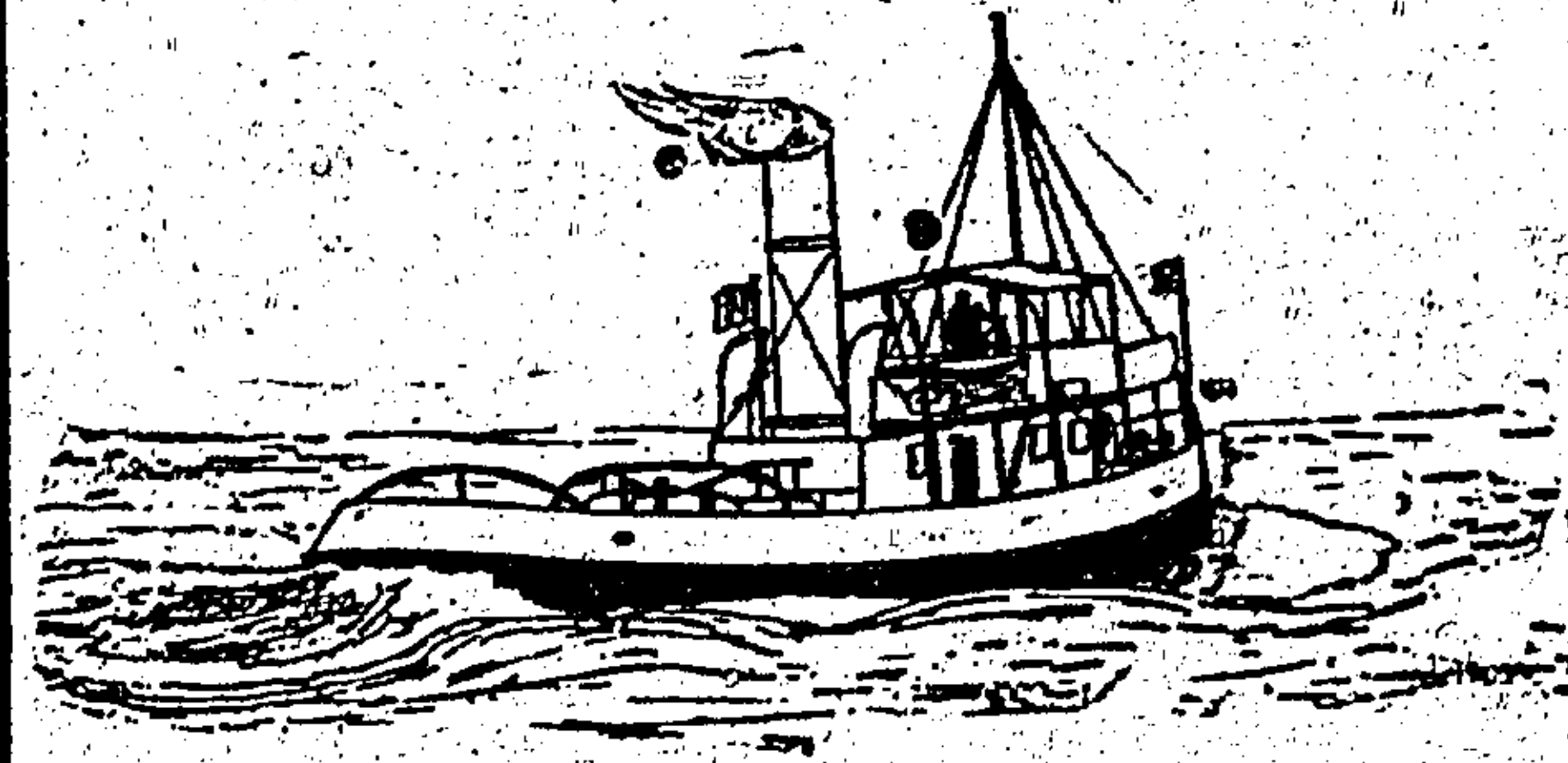
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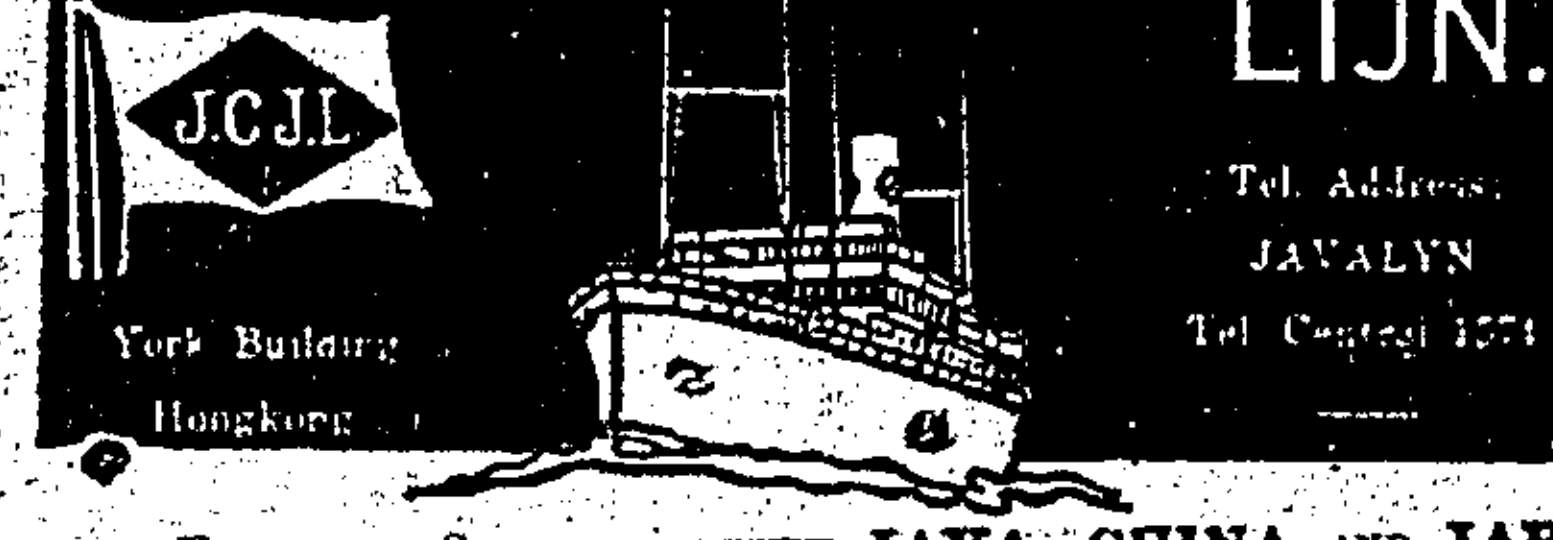
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